

What is the Role of an *Investment Committee?*

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The Investment committee ensures that the board's investment policies are up-to-date and appropriately implemented. The committee proposes policies, but the board is responsible for adopting them. The investment committee oversees investment performance and recommends changes to the investment approach, as appropriate. It may also be authorized to make decisions within the scope of policies established by the board, such as hiring a professional to manage the organizations investments. Investment committee members often have related expertise, such as investment managers, bankers, and tax attorneys with knowledge of nonprofit law. Sometimes that expertise can be found among non-board members. Investment committee members should not have a financial interest in the way the organizations funds are invested.

Example Investment Committee Description:

This committee oversees the investments of the organization. This committee is responsible for writing and updating the organization's Investment Policy, meeting with investment firms and selecting the one that fits its needs, reviewing investment statements on a monthly basis and recommending to the Executive Director and the CFO regarding investment matters.